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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10010819-1 3172
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	Title	Composition and Methods for Optimized Hybridization Using Modified Solutions

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 23, 2004. In view of the accompanying petition for a one month extension of time, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.